

Mr. Bishop (GA). Madame Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Adolph Noble, Sr., of Bainbridge, Georgia, a man I am proud to call my friend and constituent. He is an accomplished public servant who has devoted his life to his family and his community.

Rev. Noble was born August 22, 1955, in Thomasville, Georgia, to Smiley Noble and Betty Jean Noble née Melvins. He grew up in Southwest Georgia, and graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1973. After completing his studies in Mortuary Science at the John A. Gupton College in Atlanta, Georgia, he then went on to study at the Meadows College of Business in Albany Georgia.

Upon successfully completing these academic endeavors, Rev. Noble began his lifelong call of ministering to others. He went on to study at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Tallahassee, Florida. From there, he has served his community as a pastor, ministering for over forty years.

Thirty of these years have been spent at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Bainbridge, with several years spent preaching at Patterson Street Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Alabama. Rev. Noble continues to minister to both of these parishes today.

Rev. Noble is deeply involved in the many civic and religious affairs in his community. He served as the Past Moderator of the First Flint River Baptist Association, as the President of the Bainbridge/Decatur County Civic and Progressive League, and as a member of the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, the Fourth District Funeral Service Association, and the Georgia State Funeral Service Association.

In addition to his ministry and community outreach, Rev. Noble is also Owner and Funeral Director of Guyton Brothers Funeral Home in Bainbridge.

Rev. Noble has been, and continues to be, very blessed in his family life. He is married to Sonja Noble née Tyler, and he is the proud father of four children and the proud grandfather of five grandchildren. His kind demeanor and unyielding compassion has endeared him to many.

Madame Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the Second Congressional District, is truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous counsel, and ministry of Rev. Adolph Noble, Sr. We greatly appreciate his guidance, leadership, compassion, and intense desire to help others and better his community.